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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 25 June 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-28 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 3-6, 10-12 and 15-28 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1, 2, 7-9, 13 and 14 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 27 December 2004 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

Election/Restrictions

1. Applicant's election with traverse of claims 1, 2, 7-9, 13 and 14 in the reply filed on 06/25/2007 is acknowledged. The traversal is on the ground(s) that unity of the invention is not lacking since the International search report PCT/ISA210 did not warrant a lack of unity among the inventions. This is not found persuasive because each invention has its own special technical features and International search report PCT/ISA210 only gives a minimum search report but not an extensive one. Because each invention is independent or distinct for the reasons given in the Office action dated 05/23/2007 and there would be a serious burden on the Examiner if restriction is not required because the inventions have acquired a separate status in the art in view of their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

The requirement is still deemed proper and is therefore made FINAL.

Information Disclosure Statement

2. The information disclosure statement filed 12/27/2004 fails to comply with 37 CFR 1.98(a)(2), which requires a legible copy of each cited foreign patent document; each non-patent literature publication or that portion which caused it to be listed; and all other information or that portion which caused it to be listed. It has been placed in the application file, but the information referred to therein has not been considered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

3. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

4. Claim 2 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Hirai et al. (4,202,475), hereinafter Hirai.

Hirai teaches an arrangement capable of being used for clamping a thin rod of glass having a diameter less than 1mm comprising a first clamping means 8 having V-shaped grooves 9 and a second clamping member 10 having a flat surface opposing the V-shaped grooves 9, wherein the first member having a driving means (not shown) for moving the first clamping means rectilinearly toward and away from the second clamping member.

See Fig. 2.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

5. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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6. Claims 1, 7-9, 13 and 14 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Takimoto et al. (5,395,101), hereinafter Takimoto, in view of Hattori et al. (6,668,128), hereinafter Hattori.

Regarding claims 1, 13 and 14, Takimoto teaches an arrangement capable of being used for clamping a thin rod of glass having a diameter less than 1mm comprising a first clamping means 32 having a U-shaped groove and a second clamping member 3 having a flat surface opposing the U-shaped groove, wherein the first member having a driving means (a user's hand) for moving the first clamping means toward and away from the second clamping member.

See Figs. 1 and 2.

Takimoto does not teach the first clamping member having a V-shaped groove.

Hattori teaches the use of a V-shaped groove for clamping a single fiber. See Fig. 4A.

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one skilled in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the first clamping means of Takimoto a V-shaped groove for clamping a single fiber.

Regarding claims 7-9, two members 1 having inclined surfaces (1b) and a means 14a for moving the two members 1 laterally towards a rod for clamping it in a second position is best seen Figs. 6-8 and 11.

Conclusion

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7. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure.

Lee et al., Ridgway, Albanese et al. and Kazama teach fiber cleaving devices of general interest.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Phong H. Nguyen whose telephone number is 571-272-4510. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Fri.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Boyer Ashley can be reached on 571-272-4502. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.


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